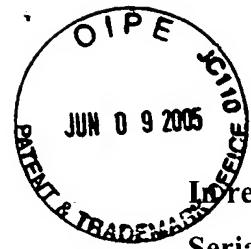


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

In response to the May 18, 2005 Restriction Requirement in which the Examiner required restriction between Species A-D, Applicant submits the following Election and Remarks.
 Applicant has also withdrawn claims 3, 5-6, 20 and 23-24 with traverse.